

# Old Stage Road

October 2022



## Residents provide input on Old Stage Road Access

Approximately 75 residents attended a neighborhood meeting Thursday, October 6 at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High to discuss concerns over public safety on Old Stage Road. The City of Colorado Springs is engaging with the community to identify how best to discourage activities along Old Stage Road that impact public safety and fire protection. Concerns over public safety discussed during the meeting included:

- Fireworks
- Campfires
- Overnight parking and camping
- Criminal activity
- Illegal shooting
- Vandalism
- Late night traffic
- Trash / Litter
- Noise
- Illegal dumping

One option discussed during the meeting was installing a **time activated gate** on Old Stage Road to replace the existing gate located just past the hairpin turn where the road surface changes from pavement to gravel. The proposal is for the gate to remain open during the day and be closed one way only (heading west on Old Stage Road) in the late evening through the early morning hours.

Benefits discussed at the meeting included:

### **Time activated gate benefits**

- Public Safety – Less illegal activity, reduces wildfire risk behavior
- Most bad activity happens between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.
- Would reduce speeding at night

### **Time activated gate concerns:**

- Even if only during late hours of the night/early morning, a gate restricts access to public land
- Emergency access / evacuation during an emergency
- Access to Teller County (Cripple Creek & Victor) – increases commute time
- Maintaining 24-hour access enables others to experience the way it has been experienced in the past (rich history)
- Limits access for nighttime activities (photography, sunrise hiking, early fishing)

### **Other options suggested during the meeting:**

- Increase patrol /police presence (law enforcement or volunteer forces that have authority)
- Post a patrol/police vehicle with personnel at the hairpin turn area from approximately 9 – 11 p.m. to discourage bad behavior by those accessing Old Stage Road



- Additional signage
- Pave Old Stage Road
- Install guardrails
- Security sweeps between 9 and 11 p.m.
- Cameras

Not able to attend the meeting. **View the PowerPoint presentation** for project information.

## Take the Online Survey



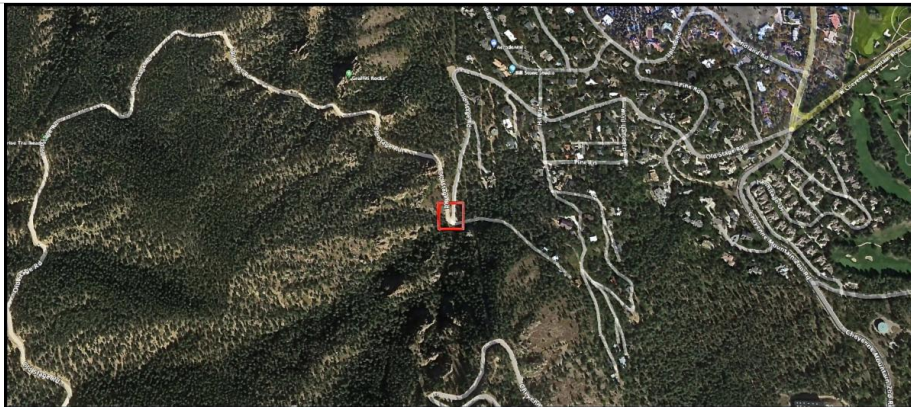
This survey is an opportunity for the public to provide suggestions and options for addressing concerns along Old Stage Road. Please view the PowerPoint on the website before taking the Survey.

**[ColoradoSprings.gov/OldStageRoad](http://ColoradoSprings.gov/OldStageRoad)**



## Next Steps

- All comments/input from the meeting, emails submitted to the City, printed surveys and online surveys will be collected, summarized and provided to the City.
- The City will conduct further analysis.
- Feedback will be communicated to the public at a later date yet to be determined.



*Location of proposed Old Stage Road gate or a posted security vehicle is noted by the red box*

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